

be accompanied by a crew
(old & young if possible)

Your third letter I will
read to our Academy and
then report.

Could you procure for me
a report on your polytechnic
school. Being one of the
regents of the Odd-fellows
college, I would like to see,
if our men could not be
persuaded to create a
polytechnic school, instead
of a common college.

How can I procure a
catalogue of your most
enterprising and skillful
gardener?

San Francisco May 20. '71.
Prof. Dr. Asa Gray Cambridge

My dear Sir,

I have received three
letters of yours. Messrs Hornes
and Mainland have been with
me, they are now in Mendocino
Co. I shall assist them in what
ever I can. Allow me to ex-
press my gratitude for that
large package of plants.

I had a letter and package from
Watson to day. I think we now
understand each other.

How much I should like to
spend a month or two in your
habarium, nothing would delight
me more. Alas! that school

keeps me closely down. All I can hope is to spend yearly a few weeks on the mountains. This summer's vacation I intend to spend in Yosemite Valley.

Let me know if there is any thing special to look for.

I shall likely distribute some of my plants yet before I leave; in that case I will send a package directly to Prof. Trevis. I will also write.

I think the collection of woods should rather be one of ours only; or ours should be at least kept by themselves. These museums, containing only what belongs to the immediate surrounding are most instructive and beneficial. Put up with foreign specimens they lose and are

undereated. I think every place should have a museum for home productions first before anything else is attempted.

If we can induce people to become acquainted with what surrounds them; and can cultivate their taste for an understanding of their home, we have gained all.

The blocks of wood should have at least the length of a foot, else the bark will not show its character well; also should one side and top-end be kept in a rough state, and the other side and top-end should be polished, so as to show it in both stages.

Near the block should be placed a branch or two with the blossoms or fruit. Pine-blocks should

I wish to open correspondence
with one, who mostly raises
ornamental plants.

I hope Prof. Brewer
will persevere; for here is
a great longing for his
work. It seems as if Bot.
should receive a great deal
of attention by our people
generally.

I enclose the ripe capsules
of *Brodiaea coccinea*. They
may perhaps interest you.

Remember me kindly to
Prof. Brewer.

With due regard

Yours
most sincerely
Henry D. Bolander